* BEFORE THE IN RE: PETITION FOR VARIANCE SE/S Inter. of Reisterstown * ZONING COMMISSIONER * OF BALTIMORE COUNTY

> * Case No. 94-12-A DKA Associates Ltd. Part. Petitioner

> > * * * * * * * * * * * FINDINGS OF FACT AND CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

This matter comes before the Zoning Commissioner for Baltimore County as a Petition for Variance filed by the owners of the subject property, DKA Associates Limited Partnership, by Philip E. Klein, a General Partner, through their attorney, Julius W. Lichter, Esquire. The Petitioners request relief from Section 409.6A.2 of the Baltimore County Zoning Regulations (B.C.Z.R.) to permit 406 parking spaces in lieu of the required 483 spaces, and from Section 409.4.C of the B.C.Z.R. to permit access aisle widths of 14 feet and 20 feet in lieu of the required 22 feet, for existing and proposed uses in accordance with Petitioner's Exhibit 1.

Appearing on behalf of the Petition were James T. Edwards, Proprietor of the Wye River Crabber, the proposed tenant, William Berman on behalf of the property owner, and Kenneth Colbert, Professional Engineer. The Petitioners were represented by Julius W. Lichter, Esquire. There were no Protestants present.

Testimony indicated that the subject property consists of a gross area of 7.6627 acres, more or less, zoned B.L. and is the site of the Cherry Valley Plaza. This strip shopping center was developed in 1982 and is comprised of approximately 100,000 sq.ft. of leasable space. Its main tenant is a Hechinger's store which utilizes approximately 73,000 sq.ft. The Petitioners are desirous of filling a currently vacant space within the shopping center with a carry-out sub shop, known as the Wye River Crabber. While the proposed sub shop will utilize only 1100 sq.ft. of space and provide seating for approximately 20 customers, installation of this new tenant requires that the property owner provide more parking spaces or request the subject variance from Section 409.6.A.2. Due to the fact that the shopping center has existed on the site since 1982 and has been built out, a variance is requested. Further testimony indicated that the requested variance as to aisle width requirements is necessary in order to bring the property into compliance with the regulations. The Petitioner testified that those areas where the aisle width variance is needed are used only by employees of the shopping center and the continued use of same will not result in any detriment to the public health, safety

An area variance may be granted where strict application of the zoning regulations would cause practical difficulty to the Petitioner and his property. McLean v. Soley, 270 Md. 208 (1973). To prove practical difficulty for an area variance, the Petitioner must meet the following:

- 1) whether strict compliance with requirement would unreasonably prevent the use of the property for a permitted purpose or render conformance unnecessarily burdensome:
- 2) whether the grant would do substantial injustice to applicant as well as other property owners in the district or whether a lesser relaxation than that applied for would give substantial relief; and
- 3) whether relief can be granted in such fashion that the spirit of the ordinance will be observed and public safety and welfare secured.

Anderson v. Bd. of Appeals, Town of Chesapeake Beach, 22 Md. App. 28

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It is clear from the testimony that if the variance is granted, such use, as proposed, will not be contrary to the spirit of the B.C.Z.R. and will not result in any injury to the public good.

After due consideration of the testimony and evidence presented, it is clear that practical difficulty or unreasonable hardship will result if the variance is not granted. It has been established that special circumstances or conditions exist that are peculiar to the land or structure which is the subject of this variance request and that the requirements from which the Petitioner seeks relief will unduly restrict the use of the land due to the special conditions unique to this particular parcel. In addition, the variance requested will not cause any injury to the public health, safety or general welfare. Further, the granting of the Petitioner's request is in strict harmony with the spirit and intent of the

The Development Plan Review division of the Department of Public Works submitted comments dated July 23, 1993 in which it is recommended that the subject site be brought into compliance with the Baltimore County Landscape Manual. A review of the photographs submitted indicates that the existing landscaping along Cherry Valley Road and the interior of the site appears to be appropriate. It is to be noted that this is an existing shopping center and that the relief requested relates only to parking as a result of the new tenant, which will comprise only 1100 sq.ft. of the total leasable area. In the opinion of this Zoning Commissioner, it would be a hardship upon the property owner to require landscaping of the entire site in view of the fact that the variances are related to parking and there is no new construction contemplated. Nonetheless, the photographs illustrate that there is an absence of landscaping along the front of the property on

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etition for Variance

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DKA Associates Limited Partnership

to the Zoning Commissioner of Baltimore County

for the property located at and Cherry Valley Road

hereto and made a part hereof, hereby petition for a Variance from Section(s)

be presented at the public hearing

Property is to be posted and advertised as prescribed by Zoning Regulations.

This Petition shall be filled with the Office of Zoning Administration & Development Management.

The undersigned, legal owner(s) of the property situate in Baltimore County and which is described in the description and plot attached

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of the Zoning Regulations of Baltimore County, to the Zoning Law of Baltimore County; for the following ressons: (Indicate hardship or

I, or we, agree to pay expenses of above Verience advertising, posting, etc., upon filing of this pattlen, and further agree to and are to be bound by the zoning regulations and restrictions of Baltimore County adopted pursuent to the Zoning Law for Baltimore County.

(1) 409.6A.2 to permit 406 parking spaces in lieu of required 483 spaces

(2) 409.4.C to permit an access aisle of 14 feet and 20 feet for 90 degree

site constraints at existing shopping center and additional reasons to

Reisterstown Road, but for a low hedgerow. I believe that the planting of either evergreens or deciduous trees along the front portion of the site would be a benefit to both the appearance of the shopping center as well as the streetscape along Reisterstown Road. Therefore, as a condition of the relief granted, I will require the Petitioners plant no less than six (6) major deciduous and/or evergreen trees along Reisterstown Road to supplement the existing landscape. I will leave the precise location and identification of these plantings to the County's Landscape Architect.

Pursuant to the advertisement, posting of the property, and public hearing on this Petition held, and for the reasons given above, the variance requested should be granted.

THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED by the Zoning Commissioner for Baltimore County this _____day of August, 1993 that the Petition for Variance requesting relief from Section 409.6A.2 of the Baltimore County Zoning Regulations (B.C.Z.R.) to permit 406 parking spaces in lieu of the required 483 spaces, and from Section 409.4.C to permit access aisle widths of 14 feet and 20 feet in lieu of the required 22 feet, for existing and proposed uses, in accordance with Petitioner's Exhibit 1, be and is hereby GRANTED, subject to the following restrictions:

> 1) The Petitioners may apply for their building permit and be granted same upon receipt of this Order; however, Petitioners are hereby made aware that proceeding at this time is at their own risk until such time as the 30-day appellate process from this Order has expired. If, for whatever reason, this Order is reversed, the Petitioners would be required to return, and be responsible for returning, said property to its original condition.

> 2) As a condition of the relief granted, the Petitioners shall plant no less than six (6) major deciduous and/or evergreen trees on the front portion of the property along Reisterstown Road. The exact locations and types of plantings shall be at the discretion of the Baltimore County Landscape Architect. Further,

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the required landscaping shall be accomplished, weather permitting, prior to the issuance of any occupancy

3) When applying for a building permit, the site plan and/or landscaping plan filed must reference this case and set forth and address the restrictions of this Order.

Zoning Commissioner

for Baltimore County

Baltimore County Government Zoning Commissioner Office of Planning and Zoning

August 18, 1993

111 West Chesapeake Avenue Towson, MD 21204

and general welfare.

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Julius W. Lichter, Esquire Levin & Gann 305 W. Chesapeake Avenue Towson, Maryland 21204

RE: PETITION FOR VARIANCE SW/S Intersection of Reisterstown Road and Cherry Valley Road (Cherry Valley Plaza) 4th Election District - 3rd Councilmanic District DKA Associates Limited Part. - Petitioners

Case No. 94-12-A Dear Mr. Lichter:

Enclosed please find a copy of the decision rendered in the above-captioned matter. The Petition for Variance has been granted in accordance with the attached Order.

In the event any party finds the decision rendered is unfavorable, any party may file an appeal to the County Board of Appeals within thirty (30) days of the date of this Order. For further information on filing an appeal, please contact the Zoning Administration and Development Management office at 887-3391.

Very truly yours,

LAWRENCE E. SCHMIDT Zoning Commissioner for Baltimore County

cc: Mr. James T. Edwards 6311 Deer Park Road, Reisterstown, Md.

People's Counsel

Julius W. Lichter 6229 N. Charles Street 305 W. Chesapeake Avenue 321-0600 Julius W. Lichter 305 W. Chesapeake Ave.

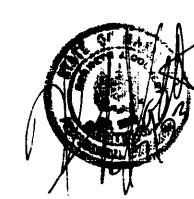
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ZONING DESCRIPTION CHERRY VALLEY PLAZA 4TH ELECTION DISTRICT BALTIMORE COUNTY, MARYLAND

BEGINNING FOR THE SAME AT A POINT ON THE SOUTHWEST SIDE OF REISTERSTOWN ROAD, 66 FEET WIDE, A DISTANCE OF 45 FEET SOUTHEASTERLY FROM THE CENTERLINE OF CHERRY VALLEY ROAD: THEN BINDING ON SAID SIDE OF REISTERSTOWN ROAD SOUTH 43 DEGREES 47 MINUTES 29 SECONDS EAST 583.07 FEET; THENCE LEAVING SAID RIGHT-OF-WAY RUNNING SOUTH 31 DEGREES 39 MINUTES 31 SECONDS WEST 353.80 FEET TO THE NORTH SIDE OF NICODEMUS ROAD 20 FEET WIDE: THENCE BINDING ON NICODEMUS ROAD SOUTH 77 DEGREES 44 MINUTES 31 SECONDS WEST 126.17 FEET: THENCE LEAVING NICODEMUS ROAD AND RUNNING NORTH 43 DEGREES 47 MINUTES 29 SECONDS WEST 680.74 FEET TO THE SOUTH SIDE OF CHERRY VALLEY ROAD, 60 FEET WIDE; THENCE BINDING ON SAID SIDE OF CHERRY VALLEY ROAD BY A CURVE TO THE RIGHT WITH A RADIUS OF 640.00 FEET, AN ARC LENGTH OF 123.89 FEET WITH A CHORD BEARING NORTH 51 DEGREES 45 MINUTES 14 SECONDS EAST, 123.69 PEET; THENCE NORTH 57 DEGREES 17 MINUTES 58 SECONDS EAST 180.59 FEET; THENCE BY A CURVE TO THE LEFT WITH A RADIUS OF 700.00 FEET, AN ARC LENGTH OF 135.50 FEET WITH A CHORD BEARING NORTH 51 DEGREES 45 MINUTES 14 SECONDS EAST, 135.29 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 88 DEGREES 47 MINUTES 29 SECONDS EAST 21.21 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING. CONTAINING 6.9581 ACRES OF LAND, MORE

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CERTIFICATE OF PUBLICATION

published in THE JEFFERSONIAN, a weekly newspaper published in Towson, Baltimore County, Md., once in each of ____ successive weeks, the first publication appearing on July 22, 1993.

LEGAL AD. - TOWSON

THIS IS TO CERTIFY, that the annexed advertisement was

THE JEFFERSONIAN.

Baltimore County Government Office of Zoning Administration and Development Management

111 West Chesapeake Avenue Towson, MD 21204

(410) 887-3353

August 2, 1993

Julius W. Lichter, Esquire 305 W. Chesapeake Avenue Towson, MD 21204

> RE: Case No. 94-12-A, Item No. 11 Petitioner: DKA Associated Limited Partnership Petition for Variance

Dear Mr. Lichter:

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Variance: to permit 406 parking spaces in lieu of the required 463 spaces; and to permit an access siste 14 feet and 20 feet for 90 degree parking in lieu of the required 22 feet.

The Zoning Plans Advisory Committee (ZAC) has reviewed the plans submitted with the above referenced petition. The attached comments from each reviewing agency are not intended to indicate the appropriateness of the zoning action requested, but to assure that all parties, i.e., Zoning Commissioner, attorney and/or the petitioner, are made aware of plans or problems with regard to the proposed improvements that may have a bearing on this case.

Enclosed are all comments submitted thus far from the members of ZAC that offer or request information on your petition. If additional comments are received from other members of ZAC, I will forward them to you. Otherwise, any comment that is not informative will be placed in the hearing file. This petition was accepted for filing on July 7, 1993, and a hearing was scheduled accordingly.

The following comments are related only to the filing of future zoning petitions and are aimed at expediting the petition filing process with this office.

1) The Director of Zoning Administration and Development Management has instituted a system whereby seasoned zoning attorneys who feel that they are capable of filing petitions that comply with all aspects of the zoning regulations and petitions filing requirements can file their petitions with this office without the necessity of a preliminary review by Zoning personnel.

BALTIMORE COUNTY, MARYLAND

INTER-OFFICE CORRESPONDENCE

DATE: July 29, 1993

TO: Arnold Jablon, Director Zoning Administration and Development Management

FROM: Pat Keller, Deputy Director Office of Planning and Zoning

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SUBJECT: Petitions from Zoning Advisory Committee

The Office of Planning and Zoning has no comments on the following petition(s): Item Nos. 9, 11, 12, 18, 19, 21, 24, 25, 26, 29, 32, 33, 34, 37 and 39. If there should be any further questions or if this office can provide additional information, please contact Jeffrey Long in the Office of Planning at 887-3480.

PK/JL:lw

Baltimore County Government Office of Zoning Administration and Development Management

(410) 887-3353

NOTICE OF HEARING

The Zoning Commissioner of Baltimore County, by authority of the Zoning Act and Regulations of Baltimore County, will hold a public hearing on the property identified herein in Room 106 of the County Office Building, 111 W. Chesapeake Avenue in Townon, Haryland 21204

Room 118, Old Courthouse, 400 Washington Avenue, Towson, Maryland 21204 as follows

CASE NUMBER: 94-12-A (Item 11) SMC Reisterstwon Road and Cherry Valley Road Cherry Valley Plaza 4th Election District - 3rd Councilmenic Petitioner(s): DKA Associates Limited Partnership HEARING: MONDAY, AUGUST 9, 1993 at 9:00 a.m. in Rm. 118, Old Courthouse.

Variance to permit 406 parking spaces in lieu of the required 483 spaces; and to permit an access aisle 14 feet and 20 feet for 90 degree parking in lieu of the required 22 feet.

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cc: DKA Associates Limited Partnership Julius W. Lichter, Esq.

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BALTIMORE COUNTY, MARYLAND INTEROFFICE CORRESPONDENCE

TO: Arnold Jablon, Director DATE: July 23, 1993 Zoning Administration and Development Management

The Development Plan Review Section has reviewed

treatment that complies with the Landscape Manual be made a

requirement by the Zoning Commissioner. (See attached plan.)

the subject zoning item. We recommend that a streetscape

Robert W. Bowling, Senior Engineer Development Plan Review

RE: Zoning Advisory Committee Meeting for July 26, 1993 Item No. 11

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Julius W. Lichter, Esq. 305 W. Chesapeake Avenue #113 Towson, Maryland 21204 410-321-0600

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O. James Lighthizer

Hal Kassoff Administrator

Re: Baltimore County Item No.: + 11 (CAM)

Ms. Helene Kehring Zoning Administration and Development Management County Office Building Room 109 111 W. Chesapeake Avenue Towcon, Maryland 21204

Dear Ms. Kehring:

This office has reviewed the referenced item and we have no objection to approval as it does not access a State roadway and is not effected by any State Highway Administration projects.

Please contact Bob Small at 410-333-1350 if you have any questions.

Thank you for the opportunity to review this item.

Fiv John Contestabile, Chief Engineering Access Permits

My telephone number is ______

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Room 118, Old Courthouse, 400 Washington Avenue, Towson, Maryland 21204 as follows:

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DATE: July 16, 1993 Zoning Advisory Committee

Captain Jerry Pfeifer SUBJECT: July 26, 1993 Meeting

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RE: PETITION FOR VARIANCE SWC Reisterstown Rd. & Cherry Valley Rd. - Cherry Valley Plaza, 4th Election District, 3rd Councilmanic District

: BEFORE THE ZONING COMMISSIONER OF BALTIMORE COUNTY : Case No. 94-12-A

DKA ASSOCIATES LIMITED PARTNERSHIP, Petitioner

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ENTRY OF APPEARANCE

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Please enter the appearance of the People's Counsel in the abovecaptioned matter. Notices should be sent of any hearing dates or other proceedings in this matter and of the passage of any preliminary or final Order.

> Peter Max Zimmerman People's Counsel for Baltimore County

Carole 1, la milio Carole S. Demilio Deputy People's Counsel Room 47, Courthouse 400 Washington Avenue Towson, Maryland 21204 (410) 887-2188

I HEREBY CERTIFY that on this 23rd day of July , 1993, a copy of the foregoing Entry of Appearance was mailed to Julius W. Lichter, Esquire, 305 W. Chesapeake Ave., Towson, MD 21204, Attorney for Petitioner.

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JULIUS W. LICHTER

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July 7, 1993

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Arnold Jablon, Director Zoning Administration & Development Management 111 West Chesapeake Avenue Towson, Maryland 21204

RE: Cherry Valley Center Petition for Variance

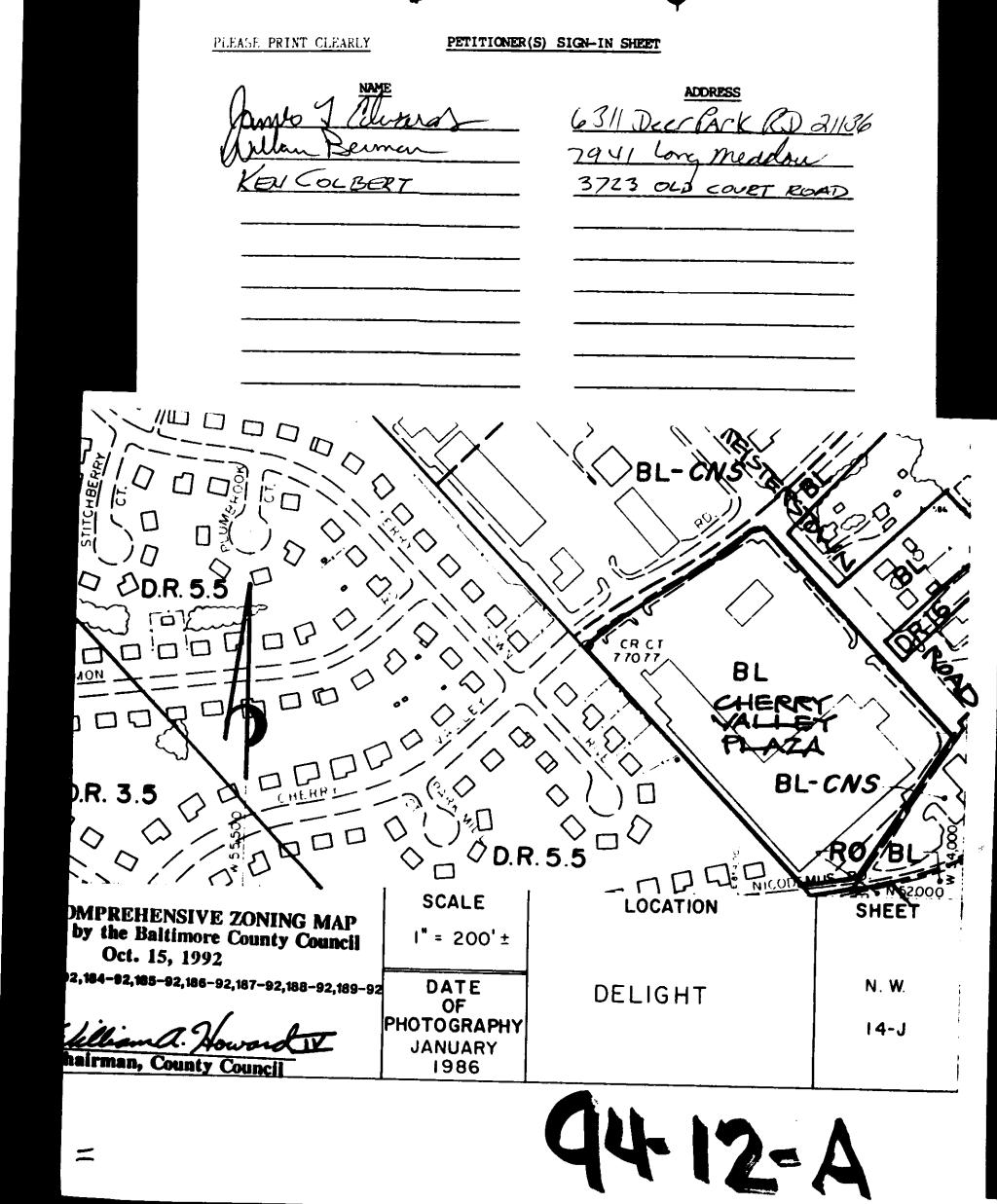
Dear Mr. Jablon:

Today, our office filed a petition for variance for the above referenced property. Any assistance you could provide us in expediting the hearing date would be appreciated.

Please call me or Julius Lichter if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

KTM/ls



Petitione1's Shibits SA-SI photographs 94-12-A



Case No 19-60-R

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